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		2008-2009 Attendance Record, Meeting of the Martinsville Coterie						
		16-Sep	21-Oct	18-Nov	16-Dec	17-Mar	21-Apr	19-May
Active Members								
Mildred Baughman		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Molly Fenneman		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Mary Fox		✓	✓			✓	✓	
Jan Horrell		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Anna Jane Kirchner						✓		
Pam McDaniel		✓	✓		✓		✓	
Barb Messina		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Marcia Miles								
Ruth Rusie		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jean Shelton		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Jackie Shields			✓	✓		✓	✓	
Paula Spencer		✓			✓		✓	
Linda Stiver		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Jeannie Tedrow			✓		✓		✓	✓
Leslie Wallace			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Heidi White		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
PAT LYBROOK		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Privileged Members								
Jo Ann Bergman								
Janet Gray								
Jean Richardson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jessie Schuman								
Willma Tate								
Rose Alice Watson								
Total Members Present:		13	17	13				

KAYE DIXON ✓
TANE MURPHY ✓Jean Major ✓
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THE COTERIE
2008-09 SCHEDULE

Date	Hostess	Co-Hostess	Program
September 16	Heidi White	Pam McDaniel	Conversation
October 21	Jeannie Tedrow	Molly Fenneman	Mary Fox
November 18	Jan Horrell	Linda Stiver	Paula Spencer
December 16	Leslie Wallace	--	Coterie & Kensington
March 17	Anna Jane Kirchner	Mildred Baughman	Marsha Miles
April 21	Ruth Rusie	Jacki Shields	Barb Messina
May 19	Jean Shelton	Leslie Wallace	Picnic

The September 16, 2008 meeting of The Coterie was held at the home of Heidi White with thirteen ladies in attendance. Following a delightful lunch provided by hostess Heidi and co-hostess Pam McDaniel, the members assembled for the business meeting. Due to the absence of President, Leslie Wallace, outgoing president, Pam McDaniel agreed to preside over the meeting.

Roll call was taken and Heidi presented the Minutes from the May meeting which were duly accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report was given by newly elected treasurer Mary Fox and she showed that the current balance still holds at \$96.79. A motion was made and seconded that \$21.86 be taken from the funds to reimburse Heidi for the printing costs of the new Coterie Books. The motion passed.

Old Business:

As was directed at the May meeting, Leslie Wallace was to contact Kensington President, Elaine McGilvrey to formalize a plan for a combined meeting. The meeting has been scheduled to take place on December 16, 2008 at the home of Kensington member, Barbara Winters with a box-lunch meal provided.

New Business:

Pat Lybrook was welcomed back to the active member list having recently retired from her teaching position.

Vice-president Heidi White distributed the new Coterie Books which will serve for three years and the assignment schedule which covers the Hostess, Co-Hostess, and Program responsibility for the 2008 & 2009 years.

Linda Stiver asked if anyone would be willing to store the Coterie luncheon trays and Pam McDaniel graciously obliged.

Two letters were submitted for possible new members and procedure dictates that the business meeting would be adjourned and a new meeting opened to discuss and vote on the new candidates.

The meeting was then adjourned in due form.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stiver

The second meeting was opened by Pam McDaniel and discussion resumed on adding new members. Paper ballots were distributed, votes were taken and candidates Kaye Dixon and Jane Murphy were approved by a unanimous vote. Secretary Linda Stiver will send each lady an invitation to join the club.

The meeting ended with all members giving an account of their summer activities and celebrations including birth announcements, engagements, and travel adventures throughout the U.S., Canada, and hiking in the Swiss Alps. There were several stories about the effects of the devastating June flood. Two notable ones were about one member with a flooded basement that required furnace repairs which involved a scantily clad workman wading in chest deep water and this same worker returning so often that he nicknamed our Coterie sister "Sweet Pea". The other member told about being without power and having thirty-one neighbors visiting for three days to take advantage of her swimming pool, her gas stove, and her flooded basement containing a large supply of floating wine bottles.

The meeting was then duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stiver, Secretary

The October 21st, 2008 meeting of The Coterie was held at the home of Jeannie Tedrow. Seventeen members enjoyed a delightful meal prepared by the hostess and by co-hostess Molly Fenneman. Following lunch, Mary Fox introduced the program speaker. Ms. Jane Page, an Animal Behaviorist, spoke to the group about how to better relate with and better understand your pet's behavior. She explained that as with humans, the most important issue is communication.

It has been published that 15% of all pets that are relinquished by their owners are due to behavior problems. Her training techniques involve using what she referred to as "the five senses of training". They are, acoustic, smell, taste, touch, and visual. She explained the importance of paying attention to the dog's mannerisms to understand what the dog is trying to say. Basically, the dog wants to know one of two things - Is it safe? and what's in it for me? Jane concluded the program by having the members take a quiz of interpreting a dog's stance and ear and mouth position to ascertain whether the animal is angry, frightened, or scared.

President Leslie Wallace then opened the business meeting by asking for introductions of the new members, Jane Murphy and Kaye Dixon. That was followed by the full roll call of attendance.

Old Business:

The Minutes of the September meeting were presented and accepted as written. Treasurer, Mary Fox, announced a treasury balance of \$98.93 as of September, 2008.

Leslie reviewed the plans for our December 16th meeting with the Kensington group. Pam McDaniel and Ruth Rusie will prepare a history of Coterie to present at the meeting. Pam also reminded members that she has a "fire-proof" safe which contains the Coterie papers of years past.

New Business:

Molly Fenneman announced that when making calls for the Coterie meetings to be sure to include three Privileged Members, Wilma Tate, Jessie Schuman, and Janet Gray. Rose Alice Watson has moved to a different area so her name should be placed on the Inactive Member list.

The meeting was adjourned in due form.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stiver

The November 18th, 2008 meeting of The Coterie was held at the home of Jan Horrell with Linda Stiver serving as co-host. After enjoying a hardy meal, the thirteen ladies in attendance were invited to gather together at Jan's large round dining table to sample a selection of hot teas. Prefacing that the program would be about drinking tea, Leslie Wallace began the meeting by dropping a Tea Flower into a carafe of hot water. Disregarding the giggles as Pat Lybrook described the scatological nature of the floating bud; Leslie proceeded to open the business meeting by asking for roll call and the October minutes.

There was one correction to the minutes which was to include Jean Richardson as a Privileged Member to be contacted about attending Coterie meetings. The Minutes were then accepted as written.

Treasurer, Mary Fox was not in attendance so no Treasurer's Report was presented.

Old Business:

Leslie reminded everyone of the combined December meeting with Kensington and requested that everyone bring a wrapped present for a gift exchange. Heidi White and Kaye Dixon will assist Leslie as co-hosts for the meeting.

New Business:

None

The meeting continued as everyone enjoyed tea and listened to Leslie give a very informative program on drinking tea including the origin of its use as a simple stimulant to keep ancient Monks from falling asleep to visiting a Starbucks today whose menu includes 19,000 choices of tea. As we all witnessed the aforementioned Tea Flower reach a full bloom, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

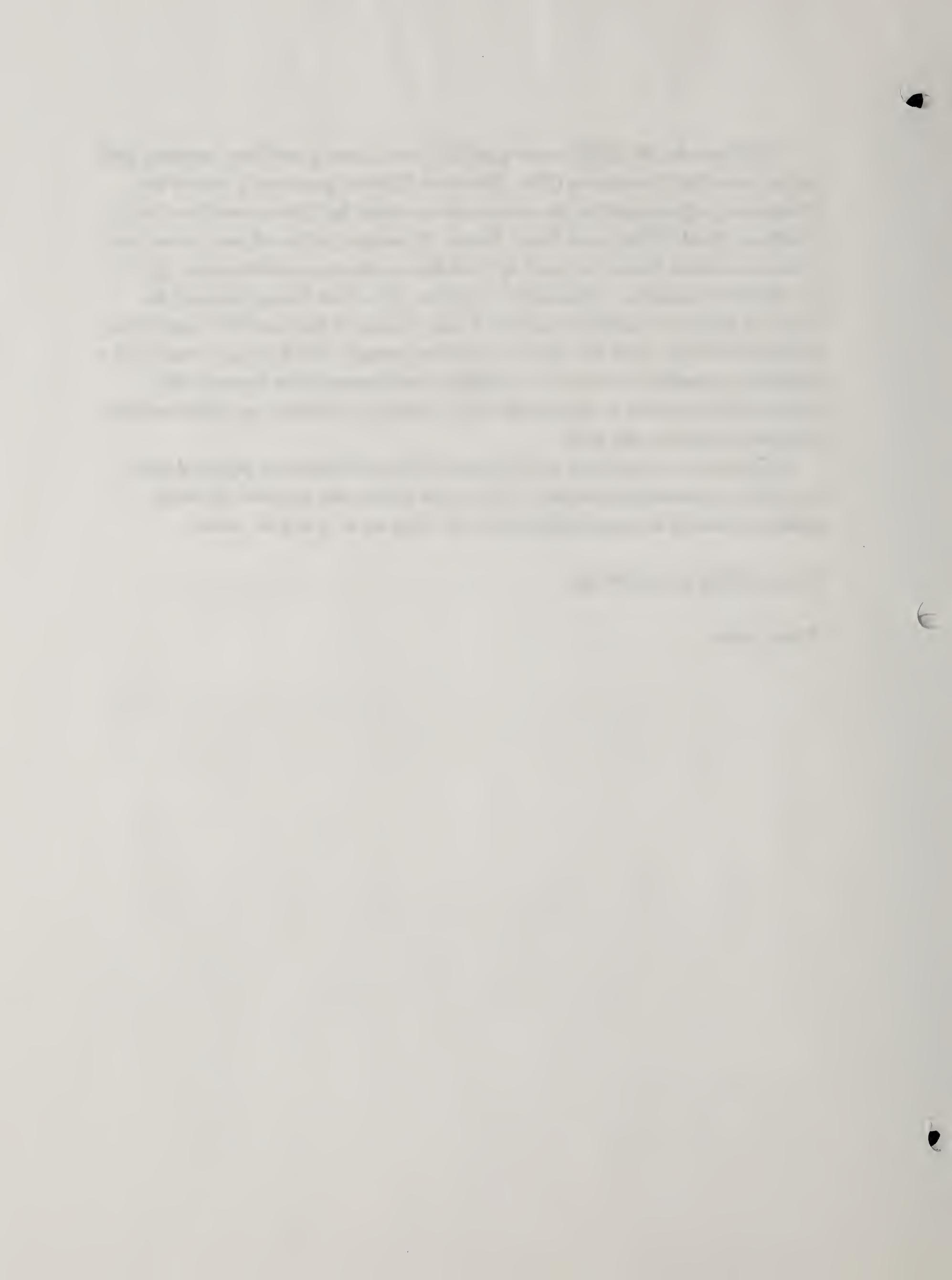
Linda Stiver, Secretary

The December 16, 2008 meeting of the Coterie was a combined meeting with ladies from the Kensington Club. Barbara Winters graciously hosted the Christmas gathering at her home and was assisted by Coterie members Leslie Wallace, Heidi White, and Kaye Dixon. A wonderful lunch was served and place cards had been set at each of the tables so there would be a mix of the two clubs to socialize. Kensington member, Mrs. Ann Foley spoke of the origin of the once combined club which was formed in the late 1800's and then around 1898 was split into the two separate groups. Both groups meet once a month at a member's home for a luncheon and conversation however, the Coterie club continues to follow the early example of having an informational program following the meal.

All members contributed an unsigned wrapped Christmas gift and those were then randomly distributed. There was discussion that the combined gathering would be repeated annually in May as a "pitch-in" meal.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Stiver



The March 17, 2009 meeting of the Coterie was held at the home of Anna Jane Kirchner with Mid Baughman as her co-host. Everyone dined on a delicious meal of stuffed pork, potatoes, tossed salad and blueberry muffins, followed by a wonderful dessert treat of a warm pecan tart.

Following lunch everyone gathered together for roll call. A review was then given of the combined Christmas meeting with the Kensington club which was held on December 16, 2008.

Treasurer Mary Fox reported that the current club balance is \$120.93. 2009 dues of \$2.00 per member will be due in September.

New Business:

Vice-president Heidi White announced that she will be taking a leave from Coterie from June 2009 through June 2010 to pursue a teaching degree enabling her to teach high school chemistry. Leslie volunteered to extend her role as president for one year with Heidi then returning as President in September 2010. It was decided that the smoothest transition of officers would be for Linda to move up as vice-president, Mary as Secretary and invite Paula Spencer to step-up as Treasurer.

Leslie read a note from Marcia Miles asking that her status be moved from active member to privileged membership. She would still like to be notified of future meeting dates.

Anna Jane reported that Molly Fenneman has Decorator Show House tickets available at a reduced rate and anyone interested should give her a call.

The meeting then moved to a most interesting presentation by Leslie Wallace on the history of Chicago's first established department store opening in 1856 and then renamed in 1881 to the familiar Marshall Fields and Co. It was a store based on high quality items, appealing to smart minds and was famous for its "no questions asked return policy". By 1890 the store added a restaurant and was well known as a place for ladies to congregate. Perhaps the most famous item is the coveted Frango Mint Chocolates and Heidi

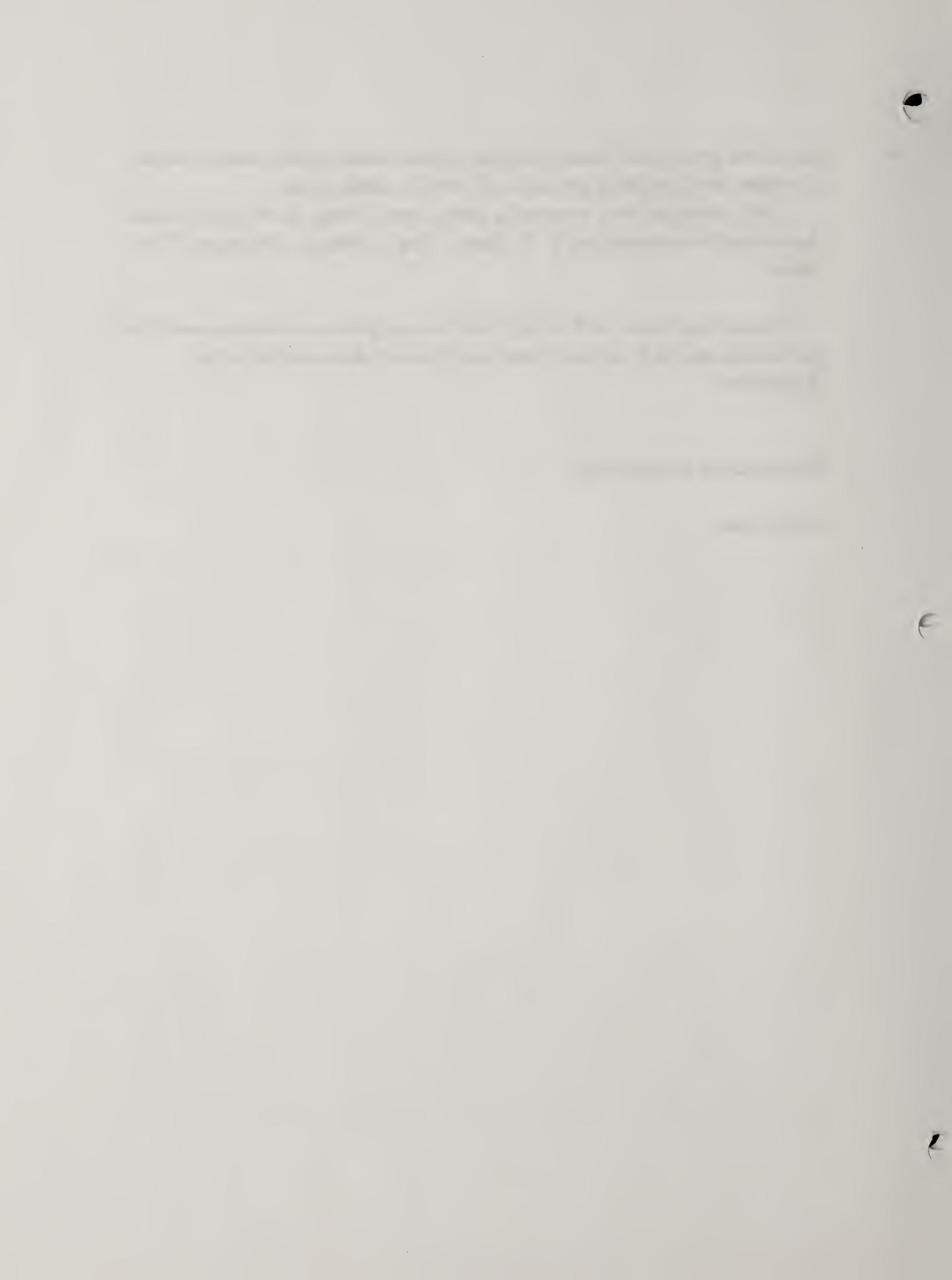
treated the group with individual bags of homemade cookies made with the chocolate mints and then provided all with the cookie recipe.

Leslie continued her program by giving some history of other well known department stores including L. S. Ayres, May's, Macys, Target and Von Maur.

The meeting closed with a brief discussion of future scheduling and Heidi graciously agreed to reprint several new books to have available for distribution.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Stiver



The April 21, 2009 meeting of the Coterie Club was held at the home of Ruth Rusie with Jackie Shields assisting. A wonderful lunch prepared by "Water to Wine" catering was enjoyed by all. Following the meal, Barb Messina introduced Esther Duncan who had been invited to give a program on "aprons". She was a little anxious as she related that on her drive here from Veedersburg, she encountered two light snow storms which she found very unsettling for an April drive.

Ms. Duncan began her talk by explaining that her personal history of involvement with aprons started in 1996 as she was asked to prepare a program for a family reunion. This presentation along with her abilities as a seamstress, and influenced gained in a sewing course at Perdue, led her to hours of research on the use and designs of aprons. She gave a narrative of historical findings that showed the earliest aprons were worn by men. Egyptian engineers and men that worked in the carpentry trade, including Jesus of Nazareth, wore aprons for protection as they worked their craft. When women began wearing aprons in the early 1800's, they would have three basic styles. A work apron, a household apron and a fancy apron. Over the years, the styles, fabrics and designs were changed but remained a constant part of women's wear until the 1960's Women's Movement. When women burned their bras, they abandoned their aprons.

Ms. Duncan proceeded to show her large collection of aprons and then concluded her program by having those members that brought aprons from home to do a little "show and tell".

President Leslie Wallace then opened the business meeting by asking for Roll Call, the Secretary's March minutes and the Treasurer's report. Mary Fox announced that the current treasury balance is \$124.93.

Old Business:

Members reviewed Heidi White's status during her one year leave of absence and it was determined that she would be classified as a Privileged member until her return.

Mary Fox read a note from Marcia Miles in which she wanted to pay her dues for last year as well as for next. She had previously asked to be placed on the inactive list.

Leslie announced that Coterie had been asked to start recording menus and recipes to be included in a cookbook which features recipes from various local women's clubs. Melinda Williams will collect and assemble the contributions.

The final group discussion was about a book that had been started about 10 years ago by several women in Coterie which involved interviews and photographs of well known and respected women in the community. Leslie suggested that this book which had been named "Vintage Voices", be revitalized with hopes of completing it and having it published. Pam McDaniel offered to discuss the details with a friend that is a Professor of Journalism at I.U.

Jean Shelton reminded everyone that the May meeting would be at her home and it is traditionally a pitch-in meal.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by, Linda Stiver, Secretary

The May 18, 2009 meeting of the Coterie club met for the annual pitch-in lunch at the home of Jean Shelton. As secretary Linda Stiver was the only officer attending she called for roll call and the small gathering of nine responded.

The only business item was Jeannie Tedrow reminding those present that she has volunteered to collect the recipes from the Coterie cooks for entry into the women's club cookbook.

Linda attempted to announce the fall and spring schedule of hosts etc. but was informed that a previously established format was to be followed so with the suggestions of everyone present a new and revised schedule was completed. Linda will mail a copy to all members.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Stiver

the first time, and have been mentioned in your letter of the 21st, with
the same result. The difficulties of the problem are, I think, much the same as in the
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in detail, but I have a strong suspicion that it is soluble, and that the solution will be
of great interest.

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suspicion that it is soluble, and that the solution will be of great interest. I have not yet had time to study it in detail,

but I have a strong suspicion that it is soluble.

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